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### Driving Directions from Emerald Island Resort.

# To Disney and other Theme Parks

*Note: The directions below avoid Hwy 192 which gets backed-up for miles during park entry and return hours.* 



# 🖉 Walt Disney World

1.Turn right leaving Emerald Island Resort onto at Funie Steed Rd/Oak Island Rd - 1.5 mi (Funie Steed Road is unpaved for a small stretch)

- 2. Turn left at entry Point Blvd 0.2 mi
- 3. Cross the US-192 intersection.
- 4. Continue on Entry Point Blvd, which becomes Sherberth Rd 1.4 mi
- 5. Turn left at Osceola Pkwy 0.4 mi IF going to Animal Kingdom

OR

5. Turn right at Osceola Pkwy and follow signs of your chosen park – IF going to other Parks

# SeaWorld Sea World/Discovery Cove

- 1-4 Same as above
- 5. Turn right at Osceola Pkwy 3.8 Miles
- 6. Merge on I-4 East via the ramp on the left to Orlando 5.5 mi
- 7. Take exit 71 toward Sea World 0.5 mi
- 8. Merge onto Central Florida Pkwy 0.7 mi
- 9. Follow the signs to Sea World or Discovery Cove

Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure

- 1-4 Same as above
- 5. Turn right at Osceola Pkwy 3.8 Miles
- 6. Merge on I-4 East via the ramp on the left to Orlando 10 mi
- 7. Take exit 74A for Sand Lake Rd/SR-482 toward International Dr 0.3 mi
- 8. Turn left at W Sand Lake Rd/SR-482 W Continue to follow W Sand Lake Rd 0.3 mi
- 9. Turn right at CR-439 N/Turkey Lake Rd 2.0 mi



- 1-4 Same as above
- 5. Turn right at Osceola Pkwy 3.8 Miles
- 6. Merge on I-4 East via the ramp on the left to Orlando 5.5 mi
- 7. Take exit 72, 528 TOLL E. toward Int'l Airport/Cape Canaveral
- 8. Merge onto 528 East (also called the "Bee Line Exwy.").

9. Take the SR-407 exit on the left toward NASA Kennedy Space Center/I-95 N/Titusville.

10. Merge onto Challenger Memorial Pkwy./407 N. for approximately six (6) miles.

11. Turn right onto Columbia Blvd./FL-405 E. 8.4 miles

12. Follow the Signs to Kennedy Space Center.



### **Returning to Emerald Island Resort**

Follow the signs to Disney's Animal Kingdom initially. Once you are close to Animal Kingdom, follow the signs to Animal Kingdom Lodge. After passing the exit for Animal Kingdom stay in left lane. Turn left on to Sherberth Rd Right on to Funie Steed Road/ Oak Island Rd Left in to Emerald Island Resort.

### **Supermarkets**

### Winn Dixie (Grocery Store)

Winn-Dixie 7840, W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee FL 34747 Tel: (407) 397-2210 1.5 Miles **Directions:** At the Junction of the 192 and Funnie Steed Road (On 192) there is a Winn Dixie. The Winn-Dixie store is closest to Emerald Island, however prices are often higher than at the Publix Supermarket. Both stores sell groceries and tourist related items such as postcards, pool toys, coolers, etc.

### **Publix Supermarket**

Publix Supermarket, 14928 E Orange Lake Blvd, Kissimmee FL 34747 Tel: (407) 239-4989 1.9 Miles **Directions:** If you turn left on the 192 (West) and drive for approximately one mile to Orange Lakes you will find a Publix Supermarket (on your right side).

#### Super Target

3200 Rolling Oaks Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34747 **Directions:** If you turn left on the 192 (West) and drive for approximately one mile to Rolling Oaks Blvd you will find Super Target (on your left side).

# **Super Center Stores**

#### Wal-Mart (24 Hours)

Wal-Mart Super center Store, 2855 N Old Lake Wilson Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34747 **Directions:** From Emerald Island, turn right on to Funie Steed Rd, Right on to Formosa Gardens and left on to Livingston Road, Left on to N Old Lake Wilson Road. You will see Wal Mart on your right.

#### Restaurants

There are a variety of restaurants at the intersection of 192 and Funnie Steed Road.

### Warehouse Stores

Sam's Club, 4763 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34746 Tel: (407) 397-9910 Costco Warehouse, 4696 GARDENS PARK BLVD, ORLANDO, FL 32839-2171 (407) 586-7221 Warehouse stores are membership stores, but do sell bulk packages of groceries and other items. They are great if you are staying a longer time or have a larger family group. If you are already a member in another state/country then you should have no problem buying at either of these stores.

Not a member? Sam's Club will sell to non-members, but there is a 10% mark-up on the prices. If you are buying a lot it may be worth investing in a basic membership. Costco has a similar policy for no-members where you can get a day pass, but again there is a 10% mark-up on prices.

Payment at both places needs to be by cash or check. Costco also accept American Express and Sam's Club have their own credit card that they also accept. Apart from that, neither store accepts credit cards.

# **Shopping Services**

If you don't want to do your shopping on arrival at Emerald Island, there are companies that will shop for you and deliver the groceries to your home at Emerald Island. Place your orders online and save yourself a trip in the car.

Garden Grocer Tel: 866-855-4350 <u>We Go Shop</u> Tel: 1-877-934-6746 ext. 15 or Tel: 407-432-5044

### **Banks**

Money makes the world go round, and it sometimes seems to go fast, especially when you are on vacation. Here are the local banks and ATMs.

- Mercantile Bank ATM, 7800A W Irlo Bronson Meml Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34747
- Bank of America, 700 Celebration Ave, Kissimmee, FL 34747 Tel: (321) 939-7677
- Bank of America, 518 US Highway 27, Clermont, FL 34714 Tel: (352) 241-4203
- SunTrust Bank, 74 Blake Boulevard, Celebration, FL 34747 Tel: (321) 939-3970
- SunTrust Bank, 650 Celebration Avenue, Celebration, FL 34747 Tel: (407) 566-2265
- Four Corners Wal-Mart Money Center by SunTrust Bank, 550 US Highway 27, Clermont, FL 34714 Tel (352) 404-9084

In addition there will often be ATMs at the parks & attractions, as well as in supermarkets, 7-11 stores and malls. Be aware that some ATMs will charge you a convenience fee for using them. In addition your bank may assess a charge for an out of network ATM.

# **Restaurants close to Emerald Island**

So many to list but our recommendations are listed under: http://blog.emeraldislandrentals.com

### **Golf Courses**

Florida is renowned for it's golf courses. There are courses to suit all styles and abilities. Come stay at Emerald Island for your next golfing week with your buddies, you will find homes to accommodate you with loads of courses within half an hours drive.

The nearest golf course to Emerald Island is <u>Mystic Dunes</u> - rated Orlando's Number 2 golf course by <u>FloridaGolfGuide.com</u>

# **Osceola County Golf Courses**

Bobby Nichols' The Oaks Golf Club (Public) 1500 Oak Blvd. Kissimmee Tel: 407-933-4055

Buena Ventura Lakes Golf Club West (Public) 289 Competition Dr. Kissimmee Tel: 407-348-4915

Celebration Golf Club (Public) 701 Golf Park Dr. Celebration Tel: 407-566-4653 Crystal Brook Golf Club (Public) 2259 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy. Kissimmee Tel: 407-847-8721

Falcon's Fire Golf Club (Public) 3200 Seralago Blvd. Kissimmee Tel: 407-239-5445

<u>Kissimmee Golf Club</u> (Public) 3103 Florida Coach Dr. Kissimmee Tel: 407-847-2816 <u>Kissimmee Bay Country Club</u>, (Semi-private) 2801 Kissimmee Bay Cir, Kissimmee, FL 34744, Tel: 407-348-4653 Kissimmee Oaks Golf Club (Public) 1500 Oaks Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34746, (407)847-3773

Mystic Dunes Golf Club (Public) 7900 Mystic Dunes Lane, Celebration, FL 34747 Tel: 407-396-1311

Orange Lake Country Club Resort (Public) 8505 Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy., Kissimmee, FL 34747 Tel: 407-239-1050

Poinciana Golf & Racquet Resort (Public) 500 E. Cypress Pkwy., Kissimmee, FL Tel: 407-933-5300

Remington Golf Club (Public) 2995 Remington Blvd., Kissimmee, FL Tel: 407-344-4004

### Walt Disney World Golf Courses

Walt Disney World hosts 6 different world class golf courses on it's property. All courses can be booked online.

Eagle Pines Golf Course (Public) Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL, Tel :407-939-4653

Lake Buena Vista Golf Course (Public) Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista 407-939-4653

Magnolia Golf Course (Public) Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista 407-939-4653

Oak Trail Golf Course (Public) Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista 407-939-4653

Osprey Ridge Golf Course (Public) Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista 407-939-4653

Palm Golf Course (Public) Walt Disney World Resort Lake Buena Vista 407-939-4653

# **Polk County Golf Courses**

ChampionsGate Golf Resort (Public) 1400 Masters Blvd, ChampionsGate, FL 33837 Tel: 407-787-4653 Diamondback Golf Club (Semi-Private) 6501 S.R. 544 East, Haines City, FL Tel: 800-222-5629 Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort (Semi-Private) 3200 State Rd. 546, Haines City, FL Tel: 800-237-9549 Highlands Reserve (Public) 500 Highlands Reserve Blvd, Davenport, Florida 33897 Tel: 877-508-4653 Southern Dunes (Semi-Private) 2888 S. Dunes Blvd., Haines City, FL Tel: 407-422-0070

# **Orange County Golf Courses**

Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge (Private) 9000 Bay Hill Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 Tel: 407-876-2429

Bay Hill Invitational (Private) 9000 Bay Hill Blvd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-876-2888

Conway Golf & Recreation Center (Public) 5080 Hoffner Ave., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-859-8565

Cypress Creek Country Club (Public) 5353 S. Vineland Rd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-351-2187 DeBary Golf & Country Club (Public) U.S. Hwy 17-92, DeBary, FL Tel: 407-668-2061

Eastwood Golf Club (Public) 13950 Golfway Blvd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-281-4653 Faldo Golf Institute By Marriott (Public) 5964 Aveninda Vista, Orlando, FL Tel: 407-238-7677

Forest Lake Golf Club of Ocoee (Public)

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10521 Clarcona-Ocoee Rd., Ocoee, FL Tel: 407-654-4653

Golden Bear Club at Keene's Pointe (Public) 6300 Jack Nicklaus Parkway, Windermere, FL Tel: 407-876-5775 Greens Golf Club (Public) 3645 W. Oak Ridge Rd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-351-5121

Hawks Landing Golf Club (Public) 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL Tel: 407-238-8660 Hunter's Creek Golf Course Inc. (Public) Hunter's Creek Blvd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-240-4653

International Golf Club (Public) 6351 International Golf Club Rd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-239-6909

Lake Nona Club (Private) 9100 Chiltern Dr, Orlando, FL Tel: 407-857-6216

Meadow Woods Golf Club (Public) 13001 Landstar Blvd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-850-5600

Metrowest Country Club (Public) 2100 S. Hiawassee Rd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-299-1099 Orange County National Golf Center (Public) 16301 Phil Ritson Way, Winter Garden, FL Tel: 407-656-2626

Orange Tree Golf Club (Private) 7540 Woodgreen Dr., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-351-2521

Rio Pinar Country Club (Private) 8600 El Prado Dr., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-277-5121

Rock Springs Ridge Golf Club (Public) 625 Rock Ridge Blvd, Apopka, FL Tel: 407-814-7474

Rosemont Golf & Country Club (Private) 4224 Clubhouse Rd., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-298-1230

Stoneybrook Golf Club (Public) http://www.stoneybrookgolf.com/ 2900 Northampton Ave., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-384-6888 Sweetwater Country Club (Private) 2700 Sweetwater Country Club Dr., Apopka, FL Tel: 407-889-4743 Windermere Country Club (Public & Private) 2710 Butler Bay Dr., North Windermere, FL Tel: 407-876-4410

Windermere Golf Center (Public) 7100 S.R. 535 at Chase Road, Windermere, FL Tel: 407-654-0200

Wedgefield Golf & Country Club (Public) 20550 Maxim Pkwy., Orlando, FL Tel: 407-568-2116 West Orange Country Club (Private) 3300 W. Orange Country Club Dr., Winter Garden, FL Tel: 407-656-4882

Winter Pines Golf Club (Public) 950 S. Ranger Blvd., Winter Park, FL Tel: 407-671-3172/1651 Ventura Country Club Community (Semi Private) 3201 Woodgate Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822 Tel: 407-277-2640

Zellwood Station & Country Club (Semi Private) 2126 Spilman Dr., Zellwood, FL Tel: 407-886-3303

### **Area Attractions**

Here are some of the many attractions that the area has to offer. Tickets for many of these attractions may be purchased at the concierge service in the clubhouse or online at the attraction's website. Some of these attractions don't take a full day, so if you have a late evening flight to catch, you can visit one of these attractions after departing our vacation home.

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay

3000 E. Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612 Tel: 813-987-5082

Busch Gardens is the ultimate family adventure park offering an array of fascinating attractions based on exotic encounters with the African continent. A unique blend of thrilling rides, one of the country's premier zoos featuring more than 2,700 animals, live shows, restaurants, shops and games, Busch Gardens provides unrivaled "real" excitement for guests of every age.

#### Gatorland

14501 S. Orange Blossom Trail (U.S. 441 South) Orlando, FL 32837 Tel: 407-855-5496 Gatorland has often been voted Orlando's Best Ha

Gatorland has often been voted Orlando's Best Half Day Attraction. It is a 110-acre alligator theme park and wildlife preserve. Gatorland has an incredible display of huge alligators and crocodiles, train ride, aviary, breeding marsh and bird sanctuary, petting zoo, nature walk, gift shop, and one-of-a-kind shows such as the world famous Gator Jumparoo. So c'mon inside... your adventure awaits!

#### Old Town

5770 W. U.S. Highway 192, Suite 324 Kissimmee, FL 34746 Tel: 407-396-4888 Old Town Kissimmee is an institution in Central Florida. An eclectic mix of dining, shopping, entertainment, rides there is sure to be something here for every member of your family. Friday nights is car night - come see the classic cars of yesteryear. <u>Orlando Science Center</u> 777 East Princeton Street

Orlando, FL 32803 Tel: 407-514-2000

The Orlando Science Center strives to provide science for everyone by creating opportunities for experiential science learning and promoting science literacy. With interactive displays, traveling exhibits, cine-dome movies, you are sure to have fun learning.

### SeaWorld Orlando

7007 Sea World Drive Orlando, FL 32821 Tel: 407-351-3600 SeaWorld Orlando is the world's premiere marine adventure park with 200 acres of world-class shows, thrilling rides and unforgettable animal encounters. Come explore the mysteries of the sea with up-close animal interactions and exhilarating thrills. New state-of-the-art rides such as "Kraken" and "Journey To Atlantis" twist, turn, and drench guests with unprecedented thrills, while amazing animal encounters include killer whales, dolphins, sea lions, stingrays and more.

#### Seaworld's Discovery Cove

6000 Sea World Drive, Orlando, FL Tel: 877-434-7268 Tel: 407-370-1280 (international guests) A tropical hideaway where you can relax on pristine sandy beaches, snorkel with rays and exotic fish, interact with colorful tropical birds and swim with the dolphins. A one of a kind experience. Reservations are required and attendance is limited.

#### Seaworld's Aquatica

International Drive, Kissimmee, FL Coming in 2008, Aquatica is a one of a kind, whimsical water park as only Seaworld could offer. Located on International Drive, across from Seaworld, Aquatica is sure to enchant. Ride on a river through an undersea world of tropical fish, raft on rolling rapids or slide on their incredible signature ride - two awesome enclosed tube slides that send you speeding through a lagoon filled with playful dolphins.

#### Universal Islands of Adventure

1000 Universal Studios Plaza Orlando, FL 32819-7610 Tel: 407-363-8000 Journey with your family through five remarkable islands where all your favorite myths, legends, comic books, cartoon heroes and children's stories come to life on the most innovative rides and attractions ever created.

#### Universal Studios Florida

1000 Universal Studios Plaza Orlando, FL 32819-7610 Tel: 407-363-8000 You're the star at Universal Studios, the number one movie and TV based theme park in the world. At this real film and television studio you'll go behind the scenes, beyond the screen and right into the action of your favorite movies.

#### Wet 'n Wild

6200 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 Tel: 407-351-1800 Wet 'n Wild, Orlando's most exciting water park, offers the best variety of multi-passenger tube rides.

#### Central Florida Zoological Park

3755 N. Hwy. 17-92 at I-4, Exit 52 Sanford, FL 32747 Tel: 407-323-4450

Enter the enchanted, tropical world of the Central Florida Zoo, a relaxing, entertaining and educational experience for the entire family.

The Central Florida Zoological Park's most visible role is to provide its visitors with recreation and the opportunity to observe and learn about its unique and interesting animals.

#### Kennedy Space Center's Spaceport USA

Kennedy Space Center FL 32899 Tel: 407-452-2121 Space exploration and history abound at Kennedy Space Center. If you are interested in man's adventures beyond the confines of our planet, this is the place to visit. Take one of the center's specialized tours or have lunch with an astronaut.

#### Orange County Convention Center

8723 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 Tel: 407-363-5800 A convention center housing events, concerts and more.

#### Ripley's Believe It Or Not

8201 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819 Tel: 407-363-4418 The Orlando Odditorium appears to be sinking into one of Florida's infamous sinkholes. Housing a collection of amazing, unbelievable and one of a kind oddities collected by Robert Ripley, Ripley's Believe It Or Not is one amazing place to visit.

#### Silver Springs

5656 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Silver Springs, FL 34488 Tel: 352-236-2121 Silver Springs is a 350 acre nature theme park that surrounds the headwaters of the beautiful Silver River, the largest artesian spring formation in the world. Located 90 miles north of Orlando, just east of Ocala, Florida.

#### Walt Disney World Resort

P.O. Box 10000 Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 Tel: 407-824-4321 The Walt Disney World Resort is a large resort housing numerous hotels as well as the Disney Parks; <u>The Magic Kingdom</u>, <u>MGM Studios, Epcot, Animal Kingdom.</u> In addition there are two water parks (<u>Typhoon Lagoon</u> and <u>Blizzard Beach</u>), <u>Downtown Disney</u> shopping area, <u>mini-golf</u> (Fantasia Gardens & Winter Summerland). Come say "Hi" to all your favorite characters and join in the magic that is Walt Disney World.